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**ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
(DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS)
NOTIFICATION**

Port Blair, dated the 14th November, 2011

No. 247/2011/F.No.14(E)/15/1059 .— In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution of India, read with the Govt. of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi, Notification No. U-14939/2/83-ANL dated 21st February, 1985 and in supersession of all previous Notifications issued to this effect, the Lieutenant Governor (Administrator), Andaman and Nicobar Islands hereby makes the following rules to regulating the method of recruitment to Group 'B' (Non-Gazetted) post of **Forest Ranger** borne in the Department of Environment & Forests, Andaman and Nicobar Administration, namely : -

1. Short title and commencement :-

- (i) These Rules may be called the “**Andaman and Nicobar Administration (Group 'B' (Non-Gazetted/Non-Ministerial (Executive) post in the Department of Environment & Forests) Recruitment Rules, 2010**”.
- (ii) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. Number of posts, classification and scale of pay :-

The number of said posts, their classification and scale of pay attached thereto shall be as specified in Serial Number 2 to 4 of the Schedule annexed to these Rules.

3. Method of recruitment, age limit and qualifications etc. :-

The method of recruitment, age limit, qualifications and other matters relating thereto shall be as specified in Serial Number 5 to 15 of the Schedule aforesaid.

4. Disqualification :- No Person –

- i) Who has entered into or contracted a marriage with a person having a spouse living; or
 - ii) Who, having a spouse living, has entered into or contracted a marriage with any person,
- shall be eligible for appointment to the said post :

Provided that the Lieutenant Governor (Administrator), Andaman and Nicobar Islands may, if satisfied that such marriage is permissible under the personal law applicable to such persons and the other party to the marriage and that there are other grounds for doing so, exempt any person from the operation of this rule.

5. Power to relax :-

Where the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor (Administrator), Andaman and Nicobar Islands is of the opinion that it is necessary or expedient to do so, he may, by order, and for reasons to be recorded in writing relax any of the provisions of these rules with respect to any class or category of persons.

6. Saving :-

Nothing in these Rules shall affect reservation, relaxation of age limit and other concessions required to be provided for the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other special categories of persons in accordance with the orders issued by the Central Government from time to time in this regard.

BHOPINDER SINGH
Lieutenant Governor,
Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

By order and in the name of the Lieutenant Governor,

Sd./-
(S.S. Choudhury)
Principal Secretary (Environment & Forests),
Andaman and Nicobar Administration.

SCHEDULE

1.	Name of post	Forest Ranger
2.	No. of posts	76 (Seventy six)* (2011) *Subject to variation dependent on workload
3.	Classification	General Central Services Group 'B', Non-Gazetted, Non-Ministerial
4.	Pay Band and Grade Pay/Pay Scale	PB-2 Rs. 9300-34800 + Grade Pay Rs. 4200
5.	Whether selection post or non-selection post	Not applicable
6.	Whether benefits of added years of service admissible under Rule 30 of the CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 ?	Not applicable
7.	Age limit for direct recruits	Not exceeding 30 years (Relaxable for Govt. Servants upto 5 years in accordance with the instructions or orders issued by the Central Govt.) (The crucial date for determining the age limit shall be the closing date for receipt of applications from the candidates in India and not the closing date prescribed for those in Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland, Tripura, Sikkim, Ladakh Division of Jammu and Kashmir State, Lahaul and Spiti District and Pangti Sub-Division of Chamba District of Himachal Pradesh, Andaman and Nicobar Islands or Lakshadweep)
8.	Educational and other qualifications required for the direct recruits	<u>Essential :</u> <u>1. Educational Qualifications :</u> 1) Candidates must possess Bachelor's Degree (or equivalent) in Science or Engineering of any recognized University with atleast one of the following subjects :- (i) Agriculture, (ii) Botany, (iii) Chemistry, (iv) Computer Applications / Computer Science, (v) Engineering (Agriculture / Chemical / Civil / Computer / Electrical / Electronics / Mechanical/, (vi) Environment Science, (vii) Forestry, (viii) Geology, (ix) Horticulture, (x) Mathematics, (xi) Physics, (xii) Statistics, (xiii) Veterinary Science, (xiv) Zoology.

2. Physical Standard :

2 (a) The minimum standards for height and chest girth for candidates shall be as follows :-

	Height (cm) Chest Girth (cm)		
	Normal	Expansion	
Male Candidate	163	84	05
Female Candidate	150	79	05

The following minimum height standards may be allowed in case of candidates belonging to Scheduled Tribes and Races such as Assamese, Bhutanese, Garhwalis, Gorkhas, Kumaonis, Ladakhese, Mizo, Naga, Nepalese, Sikkimese and other from Arunachal Pradesh, Lahaul & Spiti, Meghalaya and ST of A & N Islands:

Male Candidate 152 cm

Female Candidate 145 cm

2 (b) Physical Fitness :

Male/Female candidates must pass a physical test covering distance of 25/16 Kms within four (4) hours on foot respectively.

3) The medical examination of the candidate by a Medical Board shall be arranged. Medical Board shall issue health certificate and also certify that the candidate is fit to undertake strenuous outdoor work in Forest Department.

4) Candidates shall be selected on the basis of competitive written examination and interview. The merit list shall be prepared on the basis of total marks obtained in written examination and interview.

(a) Written Examination :- The written examination shall be held in the following manner.

COMPULSORY SUBJECTS :

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| 1. General Knowledge | 100 marks |
| 2. English (Essay & Precis writing etc.) | 100 marks |

OPTIONAL SUBJECTS :

Two optionals from among the subjects indicated at Sl. No. 8 (1) of the schedule for 200 marks each. The standard of these subjects shall be that of a Bachelor's Degree.

Note : No candidate shall be allowed to take more than two subjects of the group (i) Agriculture, Agricultural Engineering and Veterinary Science (ii) Chemistry and Chemical Engineering (iii) Computer Applications / Computer Science and Computer Engineering (iv) Electrical Engineering and Electronics Engineering (v) Mathematics and Statistics.

(b) Interview : The interview shall be conducted for the candidate who qualifies in the written examination. The maximum marks for the interview shall be 75.

5) Selected candidates on appointment will have to successfully complete a course with the duration of eighteen months in service in one of the Forest Rangers Colleges sponsored by Government of India, as per the provisions of Entrance and Training Rules (Revised), 2004 for Forest Range Officers notified vide Gol, MoEF Notification No. GSR 4066 (E) dated 21.7.2004.

9.	Whether age and educational qualifications prescribed for direct recruits will apply in the case of promotees ?	Age : Not applicable Educational Qualification : No, but must possess minimum qualification as prescribed for direct recruit Forest Guard or VIII th Standard pass for those appointed to the post of Forest Guard prior to 1.1.96.
10.	Period of probation, if any	2 (Two) years
11.	Method of recruitment, whether by direct recruitment or by promotion/deputation/absorption and percentage of the vacancies to be filled by various methods	33 1/3% by transfer failing which by direct recruitment and 66 2/3% by direct recruitment
12.	In case of recruitment by promotion/deputation / absorption, grades from which promotion/deputation/absorption to be made	<u>Transfer :</u> From amongst the Deputy Rangers of the Department of Environment and Forests in the pay band 2 with G.P. Rs. 4200 with 3 years regular service in the grade.
13.	If a DPC exists, what is its composition ?	<u>Group ‘B’ DPC (for considering cases of Confirmation) consisting of :</u> 1. Chief Conservator of Forests (CRZ&FC) - Chairman 2. Conservator of Forests (HQ) - Member 3. Executive Engineer, APWD - Member
14.	Circumstances in which UPSC is to be consulted in making recruitment	Not applicable
15.	Job Description	Attached as Annexure to the schedule

Serial No. 15 – Annexure to the Schedule

The following are the duties to be performed by the Forest Ranger :-

- Overall in-charge of the Forest Range and perform/exercise supervisory and protective function in the Range.
- They have to disburse all kinds of payments to the staff and workers in the Range and are responsible for maintenance of all accounts of a Range such as cash accounts, collection, recovery of revenue, timber, POL, elephant ration, stores & stationeries, building etc.
- They are responsible for the enforcement of the provisions of the Indian Forest Act, 1927, A&N Islands Forest Produce Transit Rules, 1966, the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, the Environment Protection Act, 1986, the Coastal Zone Regulation and the rules made thereunder from time to time and achievement of extractions, targets and NRA targets and preparation of journals/maps etc. within the Range jurisdiction.
- They shall be responsible for the judicious deployment of the labour force and maintenance & upkeep of vehicles/water crafts and live stock etc. provided to the Range.
- They shall carryout all the civil works of the department i.e. construction, maintenance and upkeep of residential and non-residential buildings of the department including the preparation of plan and estimate.
- They shall guide and supervise the works of subordinate executive staff posted under their control.
- They shall be required to do any other works as and when assigned to him by his superior Officers.